

Brodie, Thomas Gregor and Mrs. Brodie

July 1916-April 1917

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April 2nd, 1917

Mrs. Brodie,
12 Fellows Road,
Pampstead, London, N.W.

Dear Mrs. Brodie:

I have just returned from New York where I saw Dr. Pritchett, the President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and I am glad to be able to announce to you that on the day following my visit the Executive Committee granted a pension of £800 a year to you, the payment to begin at the date of Dr. Brodie's death.

The decision of the Executive Committee I may give you in the terms of Dr. Pritchett's letter:

"In taking this action the Executive Committee considered the whole term of Dr. Brodie's thirteen years of service as a lecturer as being equivalent to service in a professorship, - believing that such action was warranted in view of the distinguished service which Dr. Brodie had given as a lecturer and as a professor.

In taking this action the Executive Committee asks that you will be good enough to convey to Mrs. Brodie the sympathy of the Committee upon the loss of her distinguished husband, and also to express their interest in her welfare and in that of her children".

September 29th, 1916

Mrs. Brodie,

12 Fellows Road,

Hampstead, London, N.W.

Dear Mrs. Brodie:

I am glad to be able to tell you that at a meeting of the Board of Governors held yesterday the Board authorised the Purser to forward you for your own use and in your own name a cheque amounting to Professor Brodie's salary for six months. This is given to you personally and is not to count as part of the estate.

At the same time a resolution of appreciation of Dr. Brodie's work was passed by the Board and a copy of it will be sent to you shortly.

Dr. Macallan has I think written to you asking that a complete list of the teaching appointments, with rank and dates, that were held by Dr. Brodie, should be sent on as soon as possible. Whenever they come I will make application to the Carnegie Foundation for a pension for you, but I am doubtful whether Dr. Brodie had taught long enough to fulfil the conditions. We shall, however, do our best.

I hope that you get good word from both the boys who are on active service. Also, that by this time the effects of the shock are wearing off. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

I know that the Governors and Dr. Brodie's friends on the staff will be greatly gratified by this action of the Carnegie Foundation. I need not tell you that it has been a great pleasure to me to be able to send you this information.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

The Board resolves to put on record its regret at the death of Dr. Thomas Gregor Brodie, F.R.S., Professor of Physiology since 1908, who died very suddenly in London in August where he was engaged in most fruitful researches into the physiological effects of gunshot wounds. Dr. Brodie was perhaps without a peer as an experimental physiologist, a good teacher, a brilliant experimenter, an independent thinker, a widely read man, of sane judgment on educational questions. Respected by his students, admired by his friends and standing high in the world of science, the death of Dr. Brodie has left a large vacancy in the life of this University.

September 28th, 1916.

President's Office.



October 27th, 1916

Mrs. Brodie,
12 Fellows Road,
London, N.W.

Dear Mrs. Brodie:

I am glad to be able to tell you ^{that} through the generosity of a few members of the Board of Governors, who wish their names withheld, ~~the Board of the University~~ is able to promise you a grant of \$1000 a year for the next three years, beginning 1st of July 1917, that is to say, \$1000 will be paid to you by the *Bursar* of the University on the 1st of July 1917, 1918, and 1919. This is in recognition of the large service that was rendered to the University by Dr. Brodie, ~~and is quite an unusual recognition of service rendered to the University.~~

I am not in a position to say whether or not the Carnegie Foundation will place you upon its fund, but I have made application, and put your case as strongly as I could.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

12, FELLOWS ROAD,

HARDESTAD, N. W.

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Dear Mr. Falconer

I have just received
your kind letter dated
Sep 29th also the letter
from the Board with
the very generous gift
from the university & their
expression of appreciation
from my husband. whom
all the world knows
was a great man.

13, BELFLOWS ROAD,
HAMBSTEAD, N.W.

The loss to me & my children
is very great. The
boys needed such a
man, especially now. It
is too sad to think that
through our work he is no
longer here to help & guide
them.

I hope you do realize how
endless the work is. Your
kindness & thought for us
all. I feel sure you will
do all you can.

With regard

6- The Pension from the
Carnegie Foundation. I
think there can be no
doubt. My husband was
a lecture before we were
married & we have been
married nearly 23 years.
Dr. Halliburton who knows
all the dates and appointments
has & believes within 6-
Dr. Macallen. Naturally it
is for the boy. In about a
few years all will help.
I feel that the sons of such

a man as my husband
should have all. My regards
with regard to the future of
their Education or Profession
with kindest regards.

I have accepted my
most sincere thanks for
all you are doing for
us
Yours very sincerely
Alice Brodie

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Yours sincerely,

President.

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12 Fellows Road,
Hampstead N.W.
July 5th. 1916.

Dear Mr. President,

Many thanks for your letter about Mezen, he has not yet written to me, I am however writing to him suggesting that he should stay with me another session.

I have not heard whether the Board agreed to the proposals I made to you before I left.

I do not know whether Mezen could manage to stay if his salary did not recommence until November, I am telling him to call on you if he thinks ~~he~~ would like to stay.

I am back again at my old work and got Headquarters to cable for Mackenzie who is keen to return to London for a short time before he leaves for Toronto. He had made arrangements so that he could be spared from Salonica, ^{and} ~~he~~ is now on his way but has not yet arrived.

They have asked me to organise a new department in the Canadian Special Hospital at Ramsgate in connection with the treatment of nervous cases and re-education of wounded who have mutilated limbs. They have a splendid hospital down there, ^{which} ~~it~~ is already doing excellent work. Between the two duties I expect to be pretty busy all through the summer.

I have not yet seen Cameron but he is to dine with me to night.

Our journey over was quite uneventful. We arrived at Liverpool at night, it was in almost complete darkness and though no lights were allowed on board ship the river was the most lighted spot.

Apart from the increase in the cost of living London is just the same as when I left last year. They seem to have much better protection organised against Zepps at any rate as far as London is concerned, but a great deal of damage was done at Derby, Edinbro' and several other towns in the north and midlands which had not taken sufficient care to keep quite dark.

London is of course very excited over the recent advance and everyone is hoping that this general activity all round is really the beginning of the end.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

T. G. Brodie

Ken is somewhere in the advance N. of
the Somme & Hugh saw something of the
Shagernack fight - but there were no
casualties on the 'Shannon'

